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JAPANESE HEARD FROM.

President W. O. Smith laid before the meeting of the Board of Health the following petition signed by twenty-seven Japanese merchants, which reads:

TO THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH:

Gentlemen:—We, the undersigned Japanese merchants of Honolulu, respectfully ask the Board of Health to make such reasonable rules for the landing and disinfecting of freight from steamers coming to this port from Japan as shall be sufficient to prevent the introduction of disease, but, at the same time, not so stringent as to be practically prohibitory.

(Signed by twenty-seven of the most prominent Japanese business houses of the city.)

The petition was accompanied by the following letter from Mr. A. G. M. Robertson, in which further explanation of the desires of the Japanese merchants is made:

Referring to the enclosed petition, the merchants composing the Japanese Commercial Union of Hawaii beg to represent that the cutting off of Japanese supplies in which they deal works a great hardship on them and their customers, and they beg to enlist your assistance in their attempt to secure a modification of the recent rule adopted by the Board in regard to Japanese imports. They are anxious to co-operate with the Board in endeavoring to prevent the introduction of disease, and are willing to submit to and assist in carrying out all reasonable regulations as to quarantine, fumigation, etc.

They hope that the Board may see its way clear to make such modification in its regulations as will be satisfactory to all concerned.

Very respectfully,
The Japanese Com. Union of Hawaii, by their attorney,
A. G. M. ROBERTSON.

The Board of Health will carefully consider this petition. We fully understand that it is a great hardship and loss to the Japanese to be virtually prohibited from importing goods, but are not all classes and all nationalities in and outside of Honolulu subjected at present to hardships, inconvenience, and loss? It is a well-established opinion in Honolulu that the cholera was brought here from Japan in the freight from Kobe. No proven case of cholera appeared on board the Belgic, and none at the quarantine station. The theory that the cholera germ was in the Japanese freight from Kobe—the most infected town in Japan—seems sound and reasonable.

Great care, we suggest, ought therefore to be exercised in allowing more Japanese freight to be landed.

As we stated in yesterday's issue the present mode of disinfection is unsatisfactory and guarantees no safety. A new disinfecting plant is being prepared. Is there anyone here who can guarantee that it will be sufficiently effective?

The people on the other islands refuse to receive goods imported from America and Europe, in steamers thoroughly disinfected, and only leaving Honolulu after a week's quarantine, and nobody blames them for their precaution. Is it not wise for Honolulu people to be equally careful in receiving freight from cholera-stricken Japan on steamers in which no sanitary precautions have been taken and which arrive here with clean bills of health although never quarantined in the infected ports from which they hail.

If the Planters' Labor and Supply Company will allow Japanese freight to pass through the quarantine depot at the Pacific Mail dock we presume that the Board of Health will grant the request of the Japanese. But before so doing the matter ought to be most carefully considered or the door may be opened to a perpetual epidemic in Hawaii.

TOPICS OF THE DAY.

The Bulletin states that "Reverend" is only applied in Scripture to the Deity. Is it possible to find the word in Scripture at all?

Remember the mouth of the harbor is kept open by the fresh water of Nuuanu stream which prevents the formation of coral.

Portuguese citizens have written another letter to W. N. Armstrong. In it, it is suggested that the traducer of everybody not an Asiatic has been touched with a "yellow" ochre brush. The writers must be color-blind. He is a "Pink-un."

The Editor of the Advertiser has returned from his vacation. He is now ready "to sit by as a disinterested spectator" of the controversy between W. Armstrong, his week's substitute, and the Portuguese, and "watch the fur fly." How amusing!

On the authority of the Advertiser we state that Chicago people will not carry round carbolic rose water to wash the lips of those they kiss. At any rate the Advertiser editor says "custom wins and the people take their chances." At least in Chicago. How is it here? Let the Advertiser editor answer.

President W. O. Smith of the Board of Health writes to the other islands that the only communication held with the quarantined island steamers has been by the Post Office fumigated mails and officials. Then he and Minister King go out to the Claudine to personally talk to Sheriffs Hitchcock and Andrews. How consistent!

The Star gives a layman's account of the treatment of cholera as practised in our Quarantine Hospital. If the account were as intelligible as the disease is we don't wonder at so large a percentage of deaths. But no doubt the medical gentleman, if they couldn't infect him with the comma bacillus, have managed to infect him with the comma scriberi—which is probably worse.

The Advertiser wants the scalp of the sanitary sub-inspectors. It says "Again the sub-inspector comes prominently to the front, this time on account of negligence." * * * "This individual must take nothing for granted, it matters not whose house he may be visiting." Well if the Advertiser or its men will do its duty as well and as honestly as the inspectors and sub-inspectors have been doing, there would be less to criticize in the condition of the country.

How tardy the acknowledgement! The Advertiser states, referring to the low lying land on the Ewa side of the Nuuanu stream, "The filling in of this low marshy land was recommended some three years ago, but nothing was done on account of an economical streak which now proves to have been decidedly costly." Note the time. Remember whose "economical streak" it was that prevailed. Could any more scathing indictment of our present heads of offices be presented than has been given by the Advertiser?

To show the endeavors of the Metropolitan Meat Co. to preserve the public health it may be mentioned that they have at their own expense engaged, during the absence of Dr. Monsarrat, Mr. G. W. C. Jones, formerly employed by the Board of Health on the same business, to inspect the slaughter-houses and certify to the health of all carcasses slaughtered and delivered for food. Such voluntary action in defense of the public safety is deserving of and will receive the highest commendation from everybody. If everyone else would act in the same way we should soon see our troubles at an end.

The editor of the Anglican Church Chronicle objects to being entitled in newspapers the Reverend Mackintosh, without the Christian name or the prefix Mr. being employed. The editor of the Bulletin wastes a column and a half to explain that certain obscure individuals had laid down certain rules which permitted or commanded the solecism. What a farce! What is the difference between tweedle-dum and tweedle-dee. Yet gentlemanly instincts will always move to giving every honor and courtesy (no matter how infinitesimal in its real sense) that may be shown to everyone—no matter how humble.

What the Nuuanu stream wants is simply to have a solid retaining wall built on each side to a height of six to ten feet extending from Smith bridge to Haaliliama bridge. Then the natural overflow in times of freshets will be confined and will help to scour out the harbor. It also wants the mouth of the stream dredged to remove the present stagnant mud. No sewage should be allowed to pollute the stream. At present we are using the main sources of the stream as a water supply for the town and so diverting it from its original natural use of keeping the harbor clean and keeping the entrance open. Divert it somewhere else, and where will our harbor entrance go to?

We sincerely hope that the work of the Sanitary Central Committee will go on harmoniously and without rupture among the members. No one man ought to attempt to "run" the committee, but the majority should rule. We hear about a case of friction which took place yesterday owing to the rather offensive

language of a certain youthful lawyer and which may have most serious results, if not smoothed over. The community cannot afford to lose the services of the Hawaiians in our attempts to stamp out the cholera. Should the Hawaiians withdraw their support from the Board of Health the work of that body will simply be frustrated and the whole community must suffer.

The slaughter houses at Iwilei are pronounced to be as absolutely and thoroughly clean as is possible to have them. This is said after a full inspection of them. The locality ought to be—and no doubt will be—changed as early as possible. The floor is caulked and elevated at a pitch which allows proper flushing, but does not allow filth or overflow to remain within the enclosure. The place is whitewashed frequently, say once a week or oftener. Every precaution in a sanitary way is taken as often as possible. So far so good. The pigs are now kept within their enclosures, which are probably cleaner than ever they were before. But public safety demands their removal, and the owners in both cases are more than willing, if arrangements can be made to do everything that will add to the public safety or remove any cause of complaint. It now rests with the Board of Health to attend to matters—especially in the case of the hogs.

When we write in this paper our articles we endeavor to keep steadily in view our mottoes—more especially that which requires us to speak the truth. As a consequence, from time to time we get messages, "Stop my subscription," "Take my advertisement out of your paper" etc. We notice these angry messages always come when we have trodden on the toes of the man who sends the message. Now we want to state once for all that no man owns us because he either advertises in or subscribes for our paper. We are not to be bought by the inch—or by the month—at the rate of 50 cents a month. We propose to publish what, in the best of our judgment, is correct and true. We intend to not hurt anyone's personal feelings deliberately. (But we are never going to lose the opportunity of a good joke or a little harmless fun.) But we propose to run our own business in our own independent way and do the most good we can for everybody; but no class of men will be permitted to dictate to us any part of our policy or our expressions of our opinion. We are THE INDEPENDENT. Yet we are always willing to acknowledge any mistake we may make or correct any error we have fallen into, and to apologize for any injustice we may have committed (although we would state that the latter will never occur except by inadvertence.) But we don't sell ourselves, or our opinions, and we give full value, at least we think so, to both advertisers and subscribers in return for their money. And if the public don't want an INDEPENDENT newspaper it will then be time for us to stop. Until then we don't propose to be bulldozed by anybody.

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Honolulu, Sept. 11, 1895.

For years have residents of Honolulu overbid each other in extolling the sanitary conditions of Hawaii's capital and advertising it as the healthiest and most beautiful place in the world; we have done this so often and for such a length of time that we finally came to believe what we said and wrote.

The beauty is here but the recent epidemic has clearly demonstrated that the beauty was not even "soil" deep. We have been roughly awakened to find that the drinking water is impure and unfit for domestic purposes; that the atmosphere is polluted; and that the town generally is in as filthy condition as any Oriental overcrowded city.

Officials and private citizens have been aroused and the epidemic will cause a thorough cleansing of Honolulu, the construction of proper sewerage, and also a general sense of the necessity to adopt for each house and each individual proper sanitary precautions.

We have placed in the market a filter for water taps. It is not everybody who can afford to purchase water filters but no house should be without the Tap Filter. The filter will fit all 1/2 in. taps, and the water running through it will be thoroughly filtered. All water should be boiled before using but it is necessary to filter it before boiling, and for that purpose the Tap Filter is the most practical and simplest apparatus. We sell them for \$1.00 each.

Robert's Ozonator which has recently won a great reputation in the United States is the surest and cheapest disinfectant known. From the Ozonator is diffused "Sanitas Vaporizer Mixture" which is unequalled as a germ destroyer, and the smell of which is pleasant and not nauseating like other disinfectants. The Ozonator ought to be placed in all water closets, bathrooms and other places exposed to an unhealthy air. The effects of the Ozonator are anti-septic, disinfecting and deodorizing. In sick rooms, where the patients suffer from diseases breeding foul odors, the disinfecting apparatus has proven a boon and promptly destroyed the foulness of the air. The Ozonator costs only \$5.00, and nobody purchasing one will ever regret the investment.

Besides discussing the above sanitary goods we will call attention to the new Electric Vibrating Bell which we sell for the low price of \$2.50. For that amount the purchaser gets fifty feet of wire, a dry battery, the vibrating bell and the necessary staples, etc. The bell is easily put up and it will prove a great convenience to people whose servants live in detached cottages, or who wish facilities to call up their stables, etc. Merchants and owners of warehouses or stores will also find the bell a great convenience, and the low price brings it within reach of all.

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